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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Masamitsu MINAI

Application No.: 10/765,212

Filed: January 28, 2004

For: VEHICLE SEAT STRUCTURE

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
 2011 South Clark Place, Mail Stop Amendment
 Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
 Arlington, VA 22202



Art Unit: 3636

Examiner: MILTON NELSON, JR.

Washington, D.C.

Atty's Docket: MINAI=5

Date: January 7, 2005

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [] Amendment [XX] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	8	MINUS	** 20	0
INDEP.	1	MINUS	*** 3	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 25	\$	x 50	\$
x 100	\$	x 200	\$
+ 180	\$	+ 360	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		TOTAL	

OR

OR

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[]	First	-	\$ 60.00
[]	Second	-	\$ 225.00
[]	Third	-	\$ 510.00
[]	Fourth	-	\$ 795.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[]	First	-	\$ 120.00
[]	Second	-	\$ 450.00
[]	Third	-	\$ 1020.00
[]	Fourth	-	\$ 1590.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$_____) already paid for ____ month(s) extension of time on _____.

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$_____.

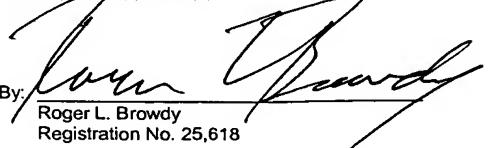
[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$_____.

[] A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Abstract begins on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 20 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

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An **Replacement Abstract** is attached following page 22
of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is
attached following page 22 of this paper.